

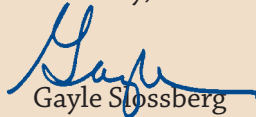
Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Given these difficult economic times, we are all struggling to make ends meet. That means being especially careful about how we spend our money and what we spend it on. At the legislature, I am working to keep our spending down while making sure that our vital services are properly provided.

With very little time left in this short session, I will continue to fight for those issues that make a difference in our everyday lives: good paying jobs; quality affordable health care; and a solid education for our children.

As always, I welcome your ideas and look forward to hearing from you. If you would like additional information please contact my office at 1-800-842-1420.

Sincerely,



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STATE SENATOR GAYLE SLOSSBERG'S SESSION UPDATE

KEEPING STATE SPENDING DOWN

I am fighting to keep state spending down while maintaining vital services. As a member of the Appropriations Committee I voted for a budget that is \$110 million less than the governor's proposed budget but also protects critical state services. During these tough economic times it is imperative that we tighten the belt of our state budget.

BRINGING MORE DOLLARS TO MILFORD

I am pleased that the projected aid to Milford for fiscal year FY'08 is \$14,129,380, a 15 percent increase since FY'04. Increased aid to municipalities is a top priority of mine; it alleviates reliance on our property-tax system and pressure on our education budgets. I will continue to fight to ensure that the state meets its obligation to our municipalities.

TAKING CARE OF SENIORS

While we all know there is much more to accomplish in terms of improving the quality and accessibility of health care for all citizens in our state, there is an urgent need to improve the quality of nursing home care. That is why I voted in support of a budget that will add \$10 million for increased staffing levels at nursing homes. This legislation also provides for rigorous financial oversight of nursing homes, and increases homecare options for the elderly.

HELPING CONNECTICUT BUSINESSES

Currently, many Connecticut-based companies are losing state contracts to out-of-state companies. I support a plan to help in-state companies compete for and win state contracts. Under our "reciprocal preference" proposal, Connecticut would level the playing field for in-state businesses competing with certain out-of-state companies for state contracts. This will help to keep more tax dollars and jobs in Connecticut.

IMPROVING TEEN DRIVING LAWS

We have all been devastated by the tragic accidents involving our teen drivers. We need to give young people the tools they need to be safe on Connecticut's roadways. I helped to pass legislation that will increase the hours of behind-the-wheel, on-the-road training teens must have before they qualify for licensure. This legislation also toughens penalties for teens that violate DUI and other important safety laws and requires more parental involvement.